

Treasury Department,

Office of the Secretary,

Washington, D. C. October 7, 1895.

Herman Kretz Esq.,

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Sir:-

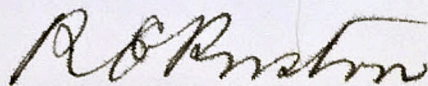
Referring to your letter of the 5th instant, stating the amount of one-cent bronze blanks and stamped pieces on hand and also of nickels, it appears that at the present rate of demand for the one-cent bronze pieces you have a sufficient supply on hand to last about sixty days. In the mean time, the Treasurer of the United States will transfer to you from time to time such an amount of these coins as are not required at the sub-treasury offices. What this will amount to I cannot at present say but I feel satisfied that the demand for these coins will increase with the approach of the holidays, and if you think it advisable, you are authorized to purchase, say seventy five thousand (75,000) pounds of bronze one-cent blanks to be delivered in the course of the next forty days.

I learn from the Treasurer of the United States that they have on hand in the several offices a large amount of five-cent nickel pieces and I have arranged with him to transfer to you for cleaning and reissue one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,00.) in such pieces. These will be transferred to you in sums of five thousand dollars

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Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "A. C. Brewster". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of each word being capitalized and prominent.

Director of the Mint.

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